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All communications with Peronne have been cut. The French grip on the national highway from Bapaume to Peronne cuts it off on the north, while on the south the railway to Chaules has been breached. All the roads leading to Combles and Peronne are now raked by the Allied guns.
Counter Attacks Fail.
The Germans made several furious efforts last night and to-day to loosen the French hold on the Peronne-Bapaume road. These counter blows centered around Bouchevaines, a bastion on the defence line guarding the road. But in the face of all these assaults the French maintained their gains.
From their positions on the highway the French can force a wedge far east of both Peronne and Bapaume, and then, widening it by steady blows, pocket left town and so force their evacuation. This explains the fury of the German counter attacks.
Unquestionably the Germans exhausted every means at their command in these counter strokes, but they could not make them tell. For the effort they mustered all available men. The most significant feature of the fighting was the fact that the Germans transferred a division from Verdun to take part in the assault.
Military opinion here interprets this move as evidence that the seven months' battle at Verdun has come to an end and that the Germans concede defeat. The Crown Prince, under von Hindenburg's division of the West Front, is still in command of the Verdun front. But most of his reserves have been drafted for service along the Somme.

Hospital-Bound Kiddies Bring "Nature" to Bellevue

Tubercular Children Transplant Country's Flowers and Birds to Delight East Side Audience—Young Cuckoo's Note Despairing.

"Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo!"
It was a despairing and a desperate note that the lanky bird sang in the Bellevue Playground last night, where forty little children of the tubercular clinic in their cantata, "The Voices of Nature," made nature speak a more various language than Bryant ever dreamed of.
Before the jaded city eyes of an audience that included not only those who had paid their quarters for their seats, but a greater number on crowded fire-escapes and roofs all around, the youngsters of the slums created a countryland of their own, bounded by tenement and hospital walls. It was Nature as she is spoke in the East Side dialect. Little frogs sometimes clucked when they ought to have croaked, perhaps, but what of it? The spirit of the country danced in the children's eyes, and a cool breeze, which had travelled far since it left the distant green hills, struck the faces of those who listened.
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The reports also said Villa was sending forty-nine cannon north to bombard Juarez and that Villistas are massing at Gallegos for an attack on Villa Ahumada.
Mexican army officials in Juarez and General George Bell, jr., at Fort Bliss, said they had received no reports of the Villista activity and did not credit the report.

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Policeman Goes Through Crowd to Protect Chauffeur.

The ambulance from St. Vincent's Hospital was racing the stork to 118 Mott Street last night, when in Grand Street, between Mulberry and Mott, a small boy ran in front of it. Before Frank Yurkovich, the driver, could swerve in the crowded thoroughfare, the wheels had passed over the child, killing him.
A throng of excited Italian men, women and children swarmed about the vehicle. Women tried to wrest the boy from the doctor's arms, while others clung to the machine and attempted to drag Yurkovich from his seat.
Not until Patrolman George Beck, of the Mulberry Street Station, arrived was he able to get the boy into the ambulance and drive off through the crowd.
At the hospital a prayerbook was found in the boy's pocket, in which was written: "Joseph Tomasulo, five years old, 141 Mott Street." Frank Tomasulo, his father, identified the body later.

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Santa Claus Visits 1,399 Factory Executives Ahead of Time.

Detroit, Sept. 14.—Henry Ford to-day distributed among the foremen and the department heads of the Ford Motor Company a bonus of \$850,000. This gift has hitherto come at Christmas time, but was advanced this year by the company's changing of the end of its fiscal year from October 31 to July 31.
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Washington Expects Allies Will Assent to Shipments.

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State Department officials believe that as the French government has been anxious to get such supplies through and may itself contribute, assent of the Entente Allies for passage of shipments through the blockade of Turkey may be confidently expected.
The department regarded Turkey's action as especially timely, since October 21 and 22 have been named in a proclamation by President Wilson as relief days for raising funds and supplies for Syrians and Armenians.
As forwarded by the American Embassy at Constantinople, the Turkish communication fixes only one condition—that the supplies for Syria be distributed from Beirut through the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

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1 DEAD, 4 HURT IN ELEVATOR'S DOUBLE DROP

Car Filled with Girls Falls Six Stories, Shoots to Roof.

ELEVEN IN LIFT BUILT FOR EIGHT

Passengers Leap When It Passes Floors—Operator Held.

One woman was killed and five girls seriously injured last evening when an overloaded elevator in an eight-story loft building at 55 West Third Street got beyond control of the operator, dropped from the sixth floor to the bottom of the shaft at express speed, shot to the roof, fell again, and finally rushed upward.
The operator and two girls leaped to safety as the car reached the ground floor the first time. Miss Edith Flescher, of 609 Garden Street, Hingham, also attempted to jump, but the impact of the elevator against the ground floor had reversed the lever and the car spurted upward. She was caught between the floor of the ascending elevator and the ceiling of the first floor and crushed to death.
Passengers Jump and Fall Out.
The elevator, filled with screaming girls and running wild, sped up and down the shaft, the frightened passengers jumping or falling out at the different floors, before the engineer of the building shut off the power.
Those whose injuries were brought to the attention of the police were Miss Kate Felder, seventeen years old, of 243 East Tenth Street, contusions of the left ankle; Miss Jennie Strickler, nineteen, of 69 Mangin Street, contusions of the right leg; Miss Fannie Zimmermann, nineteen, of 119 Attorney Street, contusions of right leg and cuts and bruises on face; Miss Elizabeth Unger, seventeen, of 510 East Eighty-third Street, bruises on body and legs; Miss Gussie Lucif, nineteen, of 307 West 144th Street, contusions of right leg.
All five, who are employed by Jacob Elishewitz, hat manufacturer, on the seventh floor of the building, were treated by Dr. O'Rourke and Dr. Salmon, of St. Vincent's Hospital, and later taken home.
Coroner Feinberg ordered the arrest of Fred Small, colored, of 30 West 136th Street, the elevator operator. He was locked up at the Mercer Street station on a technical charge of homicide.
Car Was Overcrowded.
Small told Detectives Martin and McGovern he ran the elevator to the eighth floor at 5:40 o'clock to carry down the girls who were just getting through work in the tailoring establishments. Four passengers got on at the top floor, and when he got down to the sixth floor he found fifteen or twenty jammed against the gate. They began crowding in and the operator had trouble in closing the gate.
When Small looked around he counted eleven women and girls in the car. The maximum capacity allowed by law was eight. The operator remonstrated with them.
"Three will have to get out," he said.
The girls nearest the door, in a hurry to get to the street, began joking with him.
"You're just doing this to be mean," he told the detectives they said to him. "You can take us all if you want to."
Miss Flescher Usually Walked.
Among those who got on at the sixth floor was Miss Flescher, an employee of the Olympic Dress Company. It was the first time she was known to ride down. She always used the stairs more because she liked the exercise, according to a relative, than through fear of elevators. She was thirty-three years old.
"Oh, look who's here!" exclaimed one of the girls in the car when she saw her.
"Yes, I'm riding for a change to-night," Miss Flescher replied.
It is believed she was shoved into the elevator playfully by the crowd on the sixth floor.
Small finally consented to let all ride, but as soon as he started, the car got beyond his control. The doors at the ground floor were open and Small

HELPER AT DEATH CHAIR SAVES BAMBRICK AGAIN

Horrified Prisoner Says Fellow Convict Is Not Slayer.

Testimony from a prisoner who helped at the death chair tests preliminary to